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1. [redacted], the SNB district headquarters was on Benesov Square in the south sector of Mor. Ostrava (Mährisch Ostrau - P 50/0 59). The building bore the inscription "Okresni velitelstvi SNB". The SNB country headquarters and the SNB office were in a building inscribed "Krajske velitelstvi SNB" on Stalin Square in the center of the city, west of the Ostravice River. A barracks installation of 1 three-story and 5 or 6 one-story buildings was located in the Slezska Ostrava sector, east of the Ostravice River. Soldiers with red collar patches were seen in this installation.

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2. In May 1951, about ten artillery pieces with two solid rubber tires each and a total length of about 6 meters were observed at the gate leading into the castle on Spilberk Hill at the western perimeter of Brno. Soldiers seen there wore brown collar patches.
3. Low wooden barracks buildings, surrounded by a barbed-wire fence, were observed near the Svratka River in the Pisarky borough west of Brno. In April 1951, soldiers with red collar patches were seen there training with a ferry on the river.
4. Large barracks installations occupied by soldiers wearing various service colors were situated on Lidicka ulice, formerly Eisenhowerova ul. in the Kralovo Pole suburb of Brno.
5. A barracks installation of multi-story stone buildings, occupied by soldiers with red collar patches, was observed near Mathonova ulice in the Cerna Pole suburb of Brno. Several low wooden barracks buildings were seen on Kravi Hora Hill at the western perimeter of Brno. Six trucks were parked there. [redacted] the installation was a jamming station. However, the proper designation could not be learned. A barracks installation was located nearby.
6. The military subdistrict headquarters was located on Hybesova ulice in the southern sector of Brno until late 1950. Later, the headquarters was moved to a building on Husova ulice east of the Brno castle, while an unidentified unit of soldiers wearing red collar patches moved into the former headquarters building on Hybesova ulice.

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7. On 3 June 1951, wall posters all over Brno summoned all men of the 1929 through 1932 classes who were subject to the draft and all non-registered members of the older classes to report to the military subdistrict headquarters for registration.
8. Enrollment in the military academy depended on whether the applicants were members of the GSH or KSC and had no relatives either in prison or living in Western countries. The applicant's parents also had to be members of the KSC. No high school diploma was asked for; instead, a recommendation by the local KSC branch was to be submitted.

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